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Answer Key: Arab World Manners and Customs

Unit 1: Overview

1. fast
2. fast
3. technological
4. leisurely
5. industrial
6. technological
7. Ramadan
8. pilgrimage
9. small
10. high

Unit 2: Religion

1. B
2. B
3. B
4. B
5. B
6. B
7. C
8. A
9. B
10. A

Unit 3: Arab Society

1. T
2. F
3. F
4. F
5. F
6. F
7. F
8. F
9. T
10. F

Unit 4: Status

Unit 5: Hospitality and Friendship

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| 1. do | 1. C |
| 2. born | 2. C |
| 3. right | 3. C |
| 4. appearances | 4. C |
| 5. generous | 5. A |
| 6. helpful | 6. C |
| 7. invisible | 7. A |
| 8. what | 8. A |
| 9. who | 9. B |
| 10. reputation | 10. A |
| 11. Shame | |
| 12. criticism | |
| 13. needs | |
| 14. egalitarian | |
| 15. discrimination | |
| 16. strength | |
| 17. officers | |
| 18. freely | |
| 19. served | |
| 20. lower | |

Unit 6: Gestures

1. T
2. T
3. T
4. F
5. F
6. F
7. F
8. T
9. T
10. F

Unit 7: Concept of Time/Conversation

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|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1. insult | 11. nuances |
| 2. watch | 12. listening |
| 3. coordination | 13. sensitive |
| 4. relaxed | 14. punctuality |
| 5. female | 15. plan |
| 6. sincerity | 16. absence |
| 7. closer | 17. Israel |
| 8. indirect | 18. belittling |
| 9. diplomacy | 19. criticising |
| 10. tact | 20. Muslim |

Unit 8: Nuances of Thought Unit 9: Work/Training

1. A
2. A
3. B
4. B
5. C
6. B
7. A
8. C
9. B
10. A

1. T
2. T
3. T
4. F
5. F
6. T
7. F
8. T
9. F
10. F

Unit 10: Community/Homelife

Appendix

1. affection	1. C
2. anger	2. A
3. dogs	3. B
4. wisdom	4. B
5. dignity	5. A
6. police	6. B
7. camera	7. C
8. airports	8. B
9. post offices	9. B
10. ambivalent	10. B

Glossary: Arab World Manners and Customs

Aesthetic Pertaining to the sense of the beautiful and works of art.

Ali (AH-lee) Cousin and son-in-law of Muhammad whom Shia practitioners believe received the direct commission by Muhammad to be his successor.

Bakhshish (BAHK-sheesh) Offering or taking of bribes in business transactions. Can also apply to a form of begging in some Middle Eastern countries.

Bedouin (BED-oo-in) Nomadic Arab of the desert regions.

Culture That which guides people in their thinking, acting and feeling. Language, values, customary behaviors; ideas, beliefs and patterns of thinking; these attributes describe social characteristics of a people. The total way of life of a group--passed on from generation to generation.

Deductive reasoning Logical process where conclusions are drawn from a set of premises alone.

Determinism The doctrine that all events, including human choices and decisions, have sufficient (God ordained) causes.

Dhahran (dah-RAHN) Oil center city in East Saudi Arabia.

Evil eye The power, attributed to certain persons, of inflicting injury or bad luck by a look.

Face Outward appearance, show, pretense, good reputation, dignity, prestige.

Five Pillars The five essential practices of Islam--prayer five times per day; giving; pilgrimage; fasting; witnessing.

Ghutra (GHOO-tra) Traditional Saudi Arabian headcloth.

Hajj (al-HAHJ) At least once in a lifetime, preferable during the twelfth month of the calendar, a Muslim takes a pilgrimage to Mecca. No one goes on Hajj without first ensuring that family members are provided for in their absence.

Ijma (IHJ-mah) The historically continuous consensus of the Muslim community, one of the sources of the Sharia.

Ijtihad (ihj-tee-HAHD) The human endeavor to understand and solve human problems in light of the Qur'an and Sunna. Another source of the Sharia.

In Sha Allah (in-SHAH-ahl-lah) Transliteration of Arabic for "If God wills..."

Inductive reasoning Logical process where conclusions are drawn from observations and experiences.

Islam (is-LAHM) Subservience/obedience to the will of God.

Jidda (JID-dah) Seaport of Mecca, on the Red Sea.

Loss of face Situations and predicaments which cause a person's sense of dignity, prestige or reputation to be negatively affected.

Mecca (MAK-kuh) Place of Muhammad's birth. Location of the Kaabah.

Muhammad (moo-HAM-mad) Last of the Islamic prophets. The founder of the Islamic faith and most revered messenger of God.

Muslim (MUHZ-lim) One who submits, who is obedient to the will of God.

Qur'an (QOOR-ahn) Holy book revealed by God to the prophet Muhammad.

Ramadan (RAH-mah-dahn) Holy month of fasting for Muslims wherein all, who are physically able, do not eat or drink from the first sign of dawn until sunset.

Religious morality police Patrolmen who insure Muslim morality guidelines are carried out in Saudi Arabia public places.

Riyadh (ree-YAHD) City in central Saudi Arabia. One of two capitals of the country.

Rote memory Fixed, mechanical, habitual means of learning whereby little import is given to the "why" or "meaning" of what is learned.

Sawm (SOO-uhm) Fasting during the month of Ramadan, which expresses thanksgiving, shows discipline and communal solidarity. Practitioners abstain from food and drink from dawn to sunset.

Shahada (sha-HAHD-ah) Witnessing. This is the essential creed of Muslim belief, repeatedly invoked as part of daily prayer. The shahada states: "There is no god but God and Muhammad is the messenger of God."

Shame Painful feeling arising from the consciousness of something dishonorable, improper, ridiculous...done by oneself or another. Injury to one's sense of pride and self-respect.

Sharia (sha-REE-ah) The religious law of Islam. Sharia can vary from state to state and within various Muslim movements.

Shia (SHEE-uh) Followers who believe Muhammad specified that his cousin and son-in-law Ali would be his successor. The charisma of Muhammad passed on in direct blood lineage through a family dynasty. Religious and political authority rests in imams alone.

Status Position of an individual in respect to another or others.

Sunna (SOON-nuh) Prophet Muhammad's practice and way of life.

Sunni (SOON-nee) Elders who saw Muhammad's successor as chosen by the community of those who follow the ethical/religious Muslim path. Authority rests in the community, guided by consensus and Islamic law.

Zakat (ZA-kat) Almsgiving. Faithful Muslims demonstrate tangible worship by giving a kind of loan to God of from two to ten percent of their income, payable at year's end. Charitable causes receive support in more spontaneous manner, as needs arise.

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Symbol	Sound	Symbol	Sound
a	cat	ng	sing
ah	father	o	hot
ahr	lard	oh	go
air	care	oi	boy
aw	jaw	oo	foot
ay	pay	oo	boot
b	bug	oor	poor
ch	chew	or	for
d	do	ou	how
e,eh	pet	p	pat
ee	seem	r	run
f	fun	s	so
g	good	sh	sure
h	hot	t	toe
hw	whether	th	thin
i	it	th	then
i	sky	ts	tsetse
ihr	ear	tw	twin
j	joke	uh	ago
k	king	uhr	her
kh	ch as in German Buch	v	vow
ks	vex	w	weather
kw	quill	y	young
l	love	z	zone
m	mat	zh	vision
n	not		